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**JURY CONVICTS MEMBER OF "FCI-BIG SPRING ALUMNI CLUB" GANG
OF FEDERAL DRUG CONSPIRACY CHARGES**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that a jury in Midland, Texas, convicted Gregory Leon Palmer, a member of a major drug trafficking gang sometimes known as the "FCI-Big Spring Alumni Club," of drug conspiracy charges. As a result, Palmer faces a minimum of twenty years up to life in federal prison.

"Today, Mr. Palmer got a taste of West Texas justice. He will soon be on his way to federal prison and the Permian Basin will be safer for it," stated United States Attorney Johnny Sutton.

Other members and associates of the gang who have also been convicted to date include Adrian Crook a/k/a Big Boo, the leader of the gang, Jose "Juni" Padilla; Elias Carrillo a/k/a Lie; Caishan Brooks a/k/a New York; Ricardo Armendariz a/k/a Trainer; Joseph Green; Philonicus Fobbs, Tammy Bradley; Fatima Green; Aaron Loika; Angie Luna; Rene Rubio; Raymond Duarte; Israel Hernandez; Latisha Cummings; D'Marria Monday; Clyde Young a/k/a Sky; and Donald Eugene Jeffery. Crook, Padilla, and Palmer face a minimum twenty years up to life in federal prison. The remaining member face a minimum of ten years up to life in federal prison.

According to the indictment, Crook, Padilla, and Carrillo met while they were serving time at the federal prison in Big Spring, Texas, for drug trafficking offenses. When released, they worked together to establish themselves as major drug traffickers. According to court testimony, by November 2003, the gang was manufacturing and distributing three (3) to five (5) kilos of crack cocaine a week in Midland, Odessa, Dallas, Lubbock, and San Angelo. Palmer assisted the gang in its drug trafficking activities after he was released from FCI-Big Spring in March of 2004.

A federal grand jury indicted members and associates of the gang in May for Conspiracy to Manufacture, Distribute, and Possess with Intent to Distribute More Than 50 grams of Crack Cocaine. The indictment and convictions are the result of a two year Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Texas Department of Public Safety. The Midland Police Department, Odessa Police Department, Monahans Police Department, Ector County Sheriff's Office, Midland County Sheriff's Office, San Angelo Drug Task Force, and West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force also participated in the investigation.

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